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Report of Trip to [REDACTED]

— 24-25 March 1955

1. On 24 and 25 March 1955, the writer accompanied by [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] was interviewed between 2:45 and 5:30 PM on the 24th of March and again between 9:00 and 1:00 PM at the [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] was interviewed between 7:00 and 11:30 PM on the evening of 24 March 1955.

2. The purpose of the trip was to obtain further information in connection with ANTICHORUS work to discuss particularly with [REDACTED] his views on "anti-social" acts under hypnotism and to permit [REDACTED] to question both [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] along lines of particular interest to his work involving hypnosis. In general, it may be said that the trip was unsuccessful although [REDACTED] stated that based on certain statements made by [REDACTED] he felt that the trip was worthwhile.

3. [REDACTED] in the opinion of the writer, was so obsessed with the many controversial problems arising from hypnosis and his own extremely narrow views in the field that he could not consider properly technical questions that were put to him by both [REDACTED] and the writer. Time and again [REDACTED] and the writer tried to obtain sound working ideas from [REDACTED] but those efforts were unsuccessful since [REDACTED] could not cease discussion of his pet theories and ideas. At best it may be stated for the record that [REDACTED] agrees that "anti-social" acts and immoral acts and activities having a fatal outcome could be carried out under hypnosis if the "proper" approach were made to the subject. Details in this connection, however, were totally avoided by [REDACTED] and the writer when it was discovered [REDACTED] was not willing to listen or to discuss actual working problems along those lines. In view of this, [REDACTED] and the writer changed the entire topic from advanced hypnotic work to brain washing and gave to [REDACTED] a copy of Hunter's book, "Brain Washing in Red China" for his further study.

4. It should be noted for the record that both the writer and [REDACTED] gave specific security instructions to [REDACTED] and both [REDACTED] and the writer believe that [REDACTED] will follow

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these instructions. However, it is felt that as a source of information on serious matters involving hypnosis, he is useless, outdated and certainly incapable of the advanced techniques with which we are familiar. It also should be noted for the record that [REDACTED] is an older man and probably because of the constant arguments between himself and his professional colleagues, it is felt that he should not be contacted by anyone in the future certainly without prior briefing by the writer. Whether or not [REDACTED] is senile in part is debatable.

5. [REDACTED] was interviewed the evening of 24 March 1955 at his home. He was extremely co-operative and many subjects pertaining to hypnosis were discussed; however, it is the considered opinion of both [REDACTED] and the writer that [REDACTED] is not capable of advising on advanced hypnotic techniques. Whereas, he has written a great deal (as has [REDACTED]) his material and his thoughts are not solidly grounded or will they be helpful for any future work for us. As in the case of [REDACTED] mentioned above, the writer can see no reason for further contact with [REDACTED] and anyone wishing to contact him, it is believed, would greatly benefit by a discussion with the writer.

6. It should be noted that both interviews were conducted in complete harmony and that the writer will take care of personally any problems from any of the interviews.

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